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ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCE CLEARANCE DOCUMENTATION FOR 903  
PAD AND 881 HILLSIDE CLEANUPS

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 with implementing regulations at 36 CFR 800 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with implementing regulations at 40 CFR 1500, require that cultural resources be inventoried on Federal lands and that impacts to those resources be evaluated prior to initiation of any major Federal action To date only certain known sites have been evaluated and documented in the 1980 final environmental impact statement

In order to bring the Rocky Flats Plant into general compliance with regulations on historic preservation a cultural resource survey will be conducted this summer This survey will not be done in time to include the results in NEPA documentation for the 903 Pad and 881 Hillside This was informally discussed with the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation The sites have been highly disturbed over the past 35 years by waste disposal and storage soil removal and other activities This was described to the state personnel and a verbal agreement was reached that disturbance could occur in those areas without a formal evaluation due to the past activities It is unlikely that any cultural resource sites exist in the two areas

The attached draft letter is a request to the state to document that verbal approval in writing This documentation is considered necessary due to the potentially controversial nature of the projects In addition Randy Reddick of DOE Albuquerque requested that this be documented during an environmental audit in April of 1988

If you have any questions please call Rick Lawton at extension 7079

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#### CLASS II SURVEY AT ROCKY FLATS PLANT

A Class II survey for archeological and historic resources will be conducted at the Rocky Flats Plant site during the summer of 1988. This survey will cover all lands at the plant site. The investigation is being conducted in conformance with the requirements of the National Historical Preservation Act of 1966 as implemented at 36 CFR 800 and with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented at 40 CFR 1500. Mr. Tim Green and Ms. Karen Patterson of your staff have been consulted on this project.

Several cleanup actions are planned for the fall of 1988 and NEPA documentation is being prepared for those actions at the present time. This cleanup will occur in areas that have been disturbed numerous times over the past 35 years. Disturbance has included burial of wastes, destruction of lithium metal, and extensive removal of contaminated soil. The planned survey for archaeological and historic sites will not be complete in time to evaluate impacts in this area to potential resources. Due to the heavy disturbance, it is unlikely that any potential sites exist in these cleanup areas. Mr. Green and Ms. Patterson informally concurred with this finding.

Enclosed is a U S G S topographic quadrangle locating the sites. The U S Department of Energy is requesting an opinion from your office that for those limited areas delineated on the map, due to extensive past disturbance, no useful or important cultural resource sites are likely to exist in the delineated area.

Please note that the planned survey will cover the entire plant site and buffer zone and a final report is due in late summer or early fall. All future disturbance will be covered by this evaluation.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Lawton of Rockwell International at (303) 966 7079.

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